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SUBJ: OECD 1974 PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET

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1. IN DECEMBER 18 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF BUDGET, MISSION SHOULD STATE THAT USG PREFERS CONTINUATION OF AGRICULTURAL REVIEW. MISSION MAY WISH POINT OUT THAT US HAD WISHED TO CUT BACK OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TOURISM, BUT SINCE OTHER COUNTRIES FOUND THESE ACTIVITIES USEFUL, US FOR ITS PART WAS WILLING TO SEE THEM CONTINUED. AS A COMPROMISE, MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE THAT AN ATTEMPT BE MADE TO MAKE THE AGRICULTURAL REVIEW SELF-SUSTAINING, PERHAPS BY REQUIRING ALL END-USERS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO PURCHASE IT AND/OR INCREASING ITS SUBSCRIPTION PRICE. WE ARE NOT SURE IF THIS PROPOSAL IS PRACTICABLE, BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHETHER THE SECRETARIAT HAS EXPLORED THIS POSSIBILITY AND WHETHER OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT ACCEPT A MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION, IF ONLY ON A TRIAL BASIS. IF OTHER MEMBERS OF

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COUNCIL NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE OPPOSE AGRICULTURAL REVIEW,

MISSION MAY DROP ITS RESERVATION TO ABOLISHING THIS ACTIVITY.
IN THIS EVENT, MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS ITS REGRETS CONCERNING
DECISION TO DISCONTINUE HIS USEFUL REVIEW.

2. MISSION AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO RESTORATION CONSULTANCY
FUNDS AND MSA ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED PARA 3 REF B, AND TO

ACCEPT PROPOSED BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND MEMBER CONTRIBU-
TIONS AS SUMMARIZED IN PARA 4 REF B. MISSION IS FURTHER
AUTHORIZED ACCEPT INCREASE IN PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS TO
SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF AGRICULTURAL REVIEW. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THIS REVIEW WOULD BE
APPROXIMATELY 200,000 FRANCS. RUSH

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